

South Dakota MILK PRODUCTION

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JULY - SEPTEMBER 1999 MILK PRODUCTION UP

SIOUX FALLS, October 14, 1999 --The July-September 1999 quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 375 million pounds, 2.5 percent above last year, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. However, this is down less than 1 percent from the recent five-year average of 377 million pounds.

The average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 102,000, remained unchanged from the previous seven quarters. Higher rate per cow, with unchanged number of cows, increased production this quarter.

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